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Synopsis: (U) To open a new full investigation.

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Details:

(U//~~FOUO~~) Captioned investigation is being initiated based on based on in 2017 an unknown number of people entered multiple buildings at Ridglan Farms and stole 3 beagles from the farm. The Dane County Sheriff's Office opened an investigation into that burglary and theft. Sometime after the burglary, Ridglan Farms contracted with [redacted]
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(DXE) released a YouTube video showing footage of the burglary and took credit for taking 3 dogs, one of which was blind and they named Julie. They also release an article called "The Dogs of Science" "How We Betrayed Man's Best Friend." In the article and video DXE admit to breaking into the research facility to "rescue" the dogs and suggests passing legislation to protect animals from this type of research and grant them legal rights in courts. [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

(U) CDC APPROVAL

(U) Field Office CDC has reviewed and concurred with the opening of this investigation. The investigation will be reviewed by the CDC at least semi-annually.

(U) SUMMARY OF PREDICATION:

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(U) **BASIC DATABASE CHECKS:**

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(U) POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL LAW:

(U) Potential violations of federal criminal statutes include:

- Title 18, Section 43, Damage or Interference to an animal enterprise

(U) It is therefore requested that a case be opened and assigned to TFO

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(U) This case will be worked jointly with the Dane County Sheriff's Office. Initial investigative efforts will be to identify those who aided and/or conspired in the criminal acts at the Ridgland Farms.

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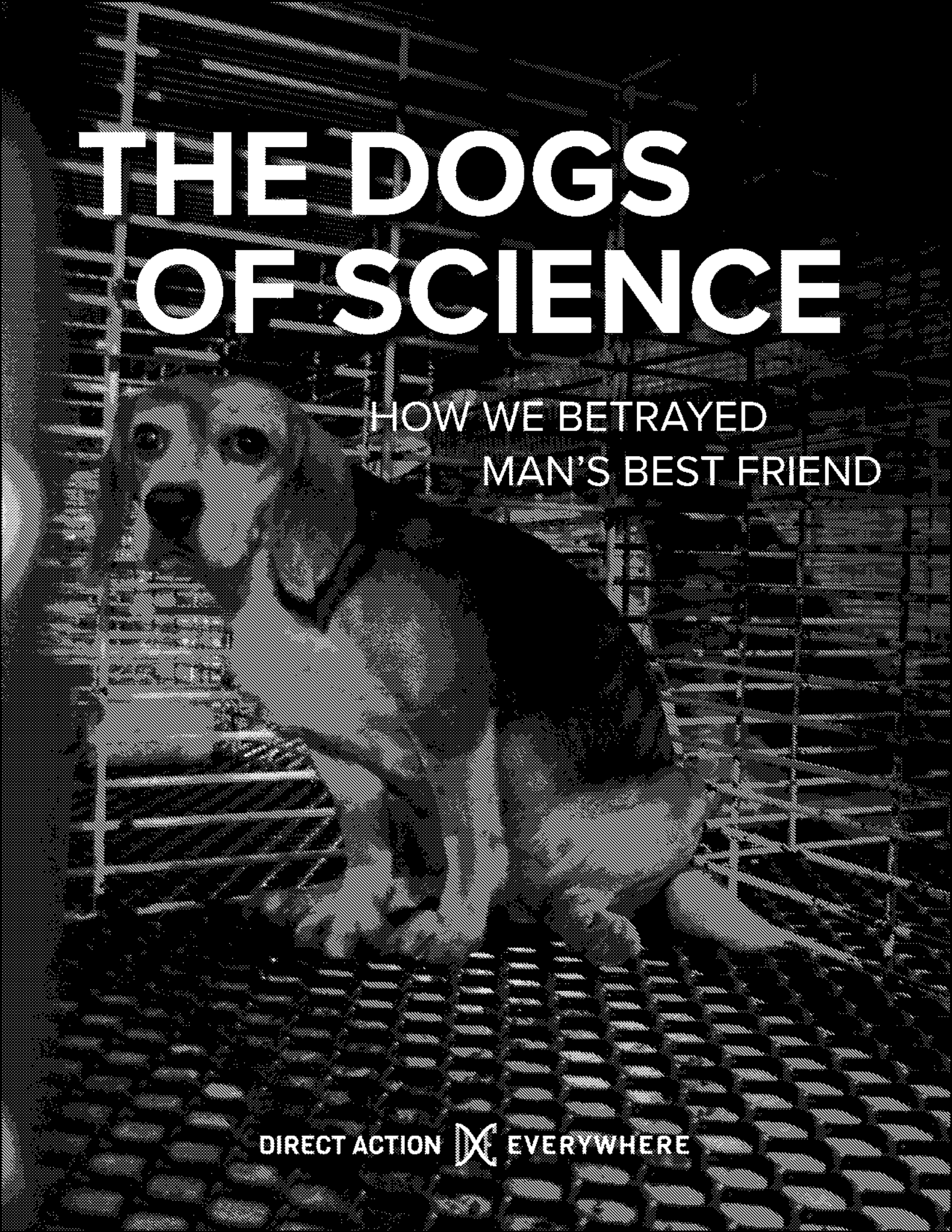

THE DOGS OF SCIENCE

HOW WE BETRAYED MAN'S BEST FRIEND

DIRECT ACTION EVERYWHERE

For years there's been a rumor that most people have thought of the dog as man's best friend. But based on an investigation of Pilgrim Farms in Dane County, Wisconsin by the grassroots animal rights network Direct Action Everywhere (DxE), one might conclude that *man* is the dog's worst enemy.

Pilgrim Farms is one of three top breeders in the United States which provides beagles for research facilities including the University of Wisconsin, Ohio State University, Texas A&M University, the University of Minnesota, the University of North Carolina, and the University of California. On its website, the company claims that "[Pilgrim] has provided the highest quality beagles for biomedical research. The Pilgrim colony was initiated to the strictest standards of purity in breeding, socialization, health care and colony management."

DxE found the actual conditions contrary to the company's claims. Documentation reviewed by DxE shows numerous abusive experiments performed on Pilgrim dogs for more than 40 years. In the spring of 2017, three DxE investigators entered several Pilgrim barns at night to document the housing for the hundreds of dogs living there. What they saw were animals in psychological torment, turning around and around in their small cages, as well as:

- Flies.
- Noxious air.
- Many dogs housed alone in cages made of plastic coated wire.
- Dogs' feet red and swollen from standing on the wire cage floor.
- Continuous 24-hour lighting.
- No access to the outdoors.

The investigators rescued three dogs from the facility including one in extreme psychological distress who, nearly a year after being rescued from the facility, continues to walk in circles, apparently compulsively, and is blind.

The psychological and physical abuse that dogs typically suffer in breeding farms such as Pilgrim is only the beginning of their misery. Pilgrim dogs have been sold off to laboratories that, among other things:

- Infect dogs with obesity-causing parts such as rabies and salmonella.
- Use dogs for toxicology tests of various types, where dogs are exposed to increasing amounts of drugs, pesticides or other chemicals including forcing them to ingest commercial laundry detergent to the point if they vomited blood and died.
- Fill their lungs with fluid to induce swelling and a deadly condition called "congestive eye."
- Cut around one dog's thigh, dislocating a rotator cuff joint, mimicking a rotator cuff tear, then examined the dog for weeks before finally killing her.

"What we do isn't accepted by the general public as a positive thing," Jan Burns, president and co-owner of Pilgrim, told *Fortune* writer Noah Phillips. "But we're compassionate beyond and we do everything we can to take care of the animals."

A 2015 Gallup poll showed the vast majority of Americans believe that animals deserve protection, with almost a third believing animals warrant as much protection as humans. Yet conservatives in Congress are striving to give animals used for research even fewer protections, saying the "political climate is right." In 2016 Congress launched the debate by passing the 21st Century Cures Act, which aims to accelerate biomedical research. One provision demands that the federal government find ways to reduce the administrative burden on U.S. researchers and institutions that use animals."

Still, possibly in response to public concern, last summer the House of Representatives quietly cut off funding to the Veterans Administration for tests which caused great harm to dogs.

VESTIGATION

Anyone who has ever had a dog knows they like to lounge in the sun, roll in the grass, run across a field, go for a walk, sniff everything, sleep in a soft spot with a companion, and play with a toy. They usually enjoy human companionship and attention. Dogs at Pregash experience none of those simple pleasures from the time they are born until the day they die, unless they are immediately rescued or rescued from the environment.

DVE investigators wanting to especially greet entered a second barn at Pregash through an unlocked door. They found many dogs walking, howling and barking, while others were aggressive and often fighting. Some dogs were housed alone in wire cages, others shared cages with one or more dogs. The bench floor was elevated up several feet to be comfortable. There were no soft beds, toys, no access to sunlight, no human companionship. Cages were stacked two high.

The president of Regpan told [redacted] that the company which also conducts some research on dogs built around 3,733 buildings in 2014 and has 15 employees. The dogs release themselves in the cages and waste is supposed to drop through holes in the slatted wire floors.

The dirty and stressful environment was how it existed exactly like dog meat markets in Cuba," said lead investigator and DVE co-founder Wayne Hsiung. "It was filthy. There were feces, everywhere.

According to 2018 USDA inspection reports obtained by Animal Equality (a international division of the American Anti-Vivisection Society), the USDA investigated a complaint of overcrowding, unsanitary cage cages and the spread of parasites, bacteria, and fungi. While the USDA did not have action on the

(ABOVE) A beagle looks nervous as investigators peer into her small cage.

(BELOW) Being tightly enclosed her entire life, Julie still feels more at ease in darker, tighter spaces like corners.

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pound, the inspectors did
indicate they found "dirty and potentially dangerous housing conditions at Ridglan."

The dogs in breeding laboratories rarely touch solid ground and never touch grass. One of the dogs who was rescued from Ridglan was placed on grass. "She didn't know what to do," the dog's current guardian said. "She just froze."

PSYCHOLOGICAL DAMAGE

For all the experiments that have been forced on dogs, very little research has been done as to the effect the experiments have on the dogs' mental state. At Ridglan, investigators found several dogs engaged in what is called stereotypic behavior – they were turning in circles in their cages.

"The existence of a compulsive disorder suggests that the environment in which the dog lives was inadequate and that its welfare was compromised at some time," wrote veterinarian Kevin Stafford of Massey University in New Zealand. "The proportion of dogs with compulsive disorder is unknown and difficult to estimate."

One of those spinning dogs was rescued by DxE. She was later named Julie, and was found to be blind. Investigators don't know what, if any, experiments were done on Julie, but her new caretaker thinks it must have been something awful. "She was terrified of being restrained," Julie's caretaker said. "If we tried to put a collar on her, she went running through the house crying, barking, making this horrible pathetic crying sound."

It was nearly six feet when a dog trainer placed Julie in a harness for 10 minutes. "She started shaking and shook for hours after that," she said.

Usually at the end of experiments dogs are euthanized, even if they are relatively healthy. The Beagle Freedom Project attempts to find homes for dogs retired from research facilities. They call these dogs "special needs" and they counter prospective owners that "while [caring for such a dog] may be challenging at times, it will be one of the most rewarding things you will ever do."

The walking in circles behavior, after 11 months, hasn't left Julie. "When she first got to my house, she explored the house in ever widening circles," said Julie's caretaker. "But Julie wouldn't actually walk, she crawled on her belly."

These days, with loving care, Julie is doing better but has put on

some much-needed weight, and is generally less anxious. "She is the sweetest, softest dog," she said.

RESEARCH ON DOGS IN THE UNITED STATES

The agency responsible for overseeing breeders and research facilities is the animal care unit of the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. According to a 2014 USDA report, 288 research facilities – more than 25% of all research facilities that use animals - had violations which included: "inadequate searches for alternatives to painful procedures; no descriptions of euthanasia method to be used in the experiment; and no descriptions to assure that pain to animals would be limited to that which is unavoidable." Auditors stated that "...animals are not always receiving basic humane care and treatment. In some cases, pain and distress are not minimized during and after experimental procedures." All tolled, there were 566 violations between 2009 and 2011.

Beagles, because they are typically docile, eager-to-please, quick-to-forgive and are of a manageable size, are the dog breed of choice for researchers. They make up 96 percent of the dogs used in 383 different laboratories in the U.S. In 2016 nearly 61,000 dogs were used in experiments, according to the USDA. They estimated that over 20,000 dogs were used in research that caused the dogs pain.

While the federal government says rates of non-rodent animal testing has steadily declined since the early '90s, millions of animals are still used for research in the United States. Since no records are kept on the numbers of rodents, estimates range from 12 million to as high as 27 million total animals.

Dogs are used for all sorts of experiments. Industrial chemicals, household products and pesticides are tested on them as well as human and veterinary drugs.

Dogs are also used in "biomedical research." Currently, over the protests of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), a researcher at Ohio State University, George Billman, is surgically compromising dogs' hearts; forcing them to run on treadmills until they have heart attacks; killing them and studying the damaged heart tissue. It's been reported that Billman has killed over 700 dogs over the course of his career.

In September 2017, *USA Today* reported that the VA in Cleveland was studying ways to restore cough function after spinal cord injury: "The experiments involve placing dogs under anesthesia and then using electrodes for high-frequency stimulation at various places on their spinal chords to induce coughing. Researchers perform the tests before and after severing the spinal cords to mimic injuries suffered by humans."

(ABOVE) A beagle in the animal testing industry spends almost the entirety of their life looking through a steel wire cage.

AT RIDGLAN

Ridglan says on their website, "We do not conduct toxicology studies or studies which require euthanasia at the conclusion of the study." What the company fails to say is that it sells dogs to universities and other researchers who do use them for toxicology studies and kill them when the study is concluded. Indeed, over nearly five decades, Ridglan has sent thousands of dogs to a brutal end. Some experiments.

- **Force fed commercial laundry detergent.** In a 1974 study by the Lovelace Foundation, Ridglan dogs were forced to ingest large amounts of commercial laundry detergent. Some vomited blood and died.

- **Convulsions from synthetic cannabis.** In a 1987 study at pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly, Ridglan dogs were forced to ingest nabilone, a synthetic cannabinoid, until some experienced convulsions and died.
- **Poisoned with artificial sweeteners.** In a 2015 study by food giant Cargill, Ridglan dogs were given large doses of a new artificial sweetener, which caused the male dogs' testicles to shrink. All dogs were killed at the end of the study.
- **Infected with heartworm**. In a 2016 study at Auburn University, Ridglan dogs were infected with heartworm larvae to test the relative efficacy of commercial heartworm treatments. Five months after the infection, the dogs were killed.

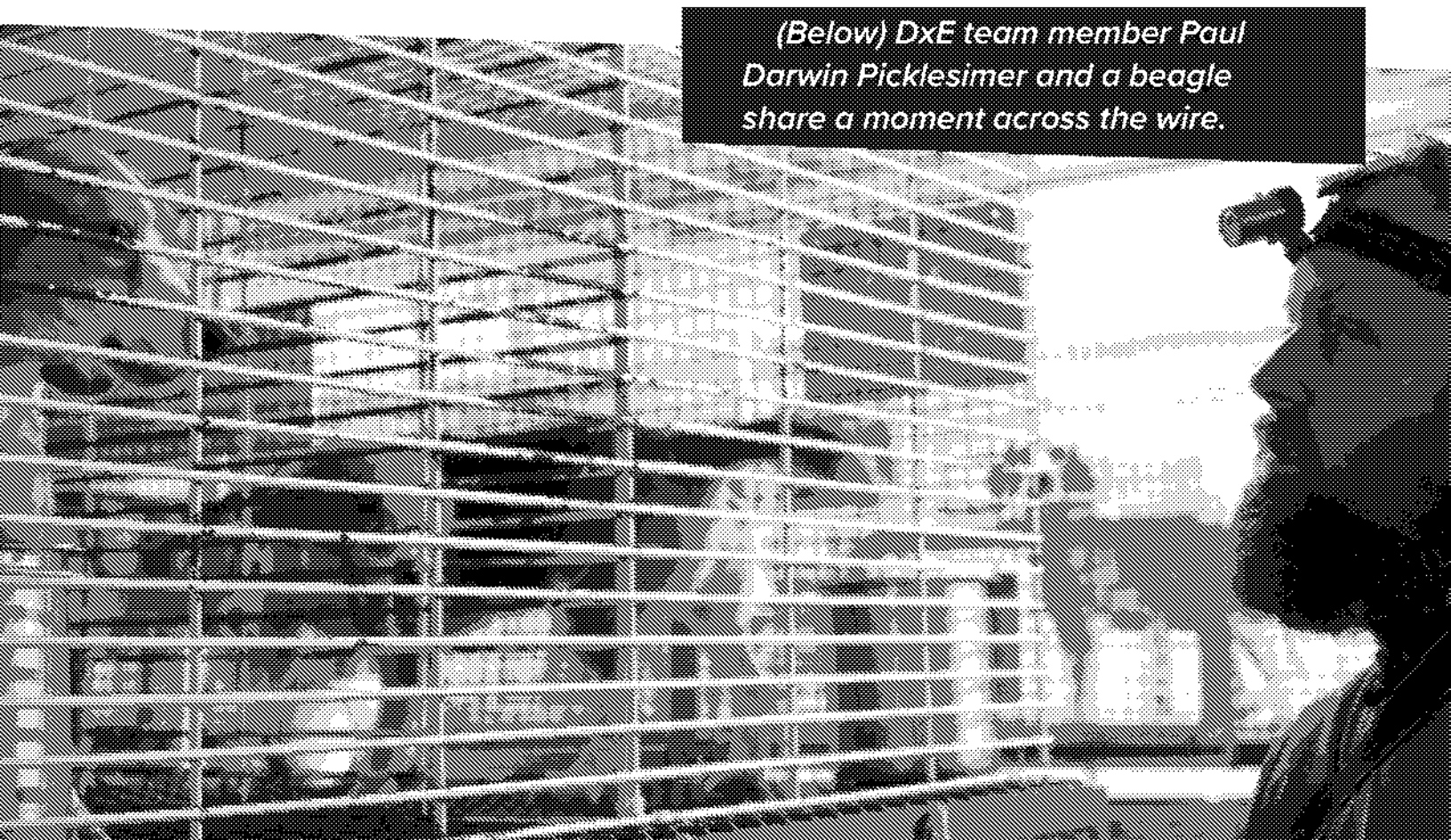
ANIMAL EXPERIMENTATION AND THE LAW

The Animal Welfare Act (AWA), which was initially passed in 1966, only minimally protects dogs, cats, non-human primate mammals, guinea pigs, hamsters and rabbits. Rats, mice and birds are not covered, nor are horses not used for research purposes, and neither are farmed animals intended for use as food. The AWA stipulates that "the animals' living conditions will be appropriate for their species...and will contribute to their health and comfort." The AWA mandates that temperatures in research facilities not drop below 50 degrees.

Legally, any experiment can be performed on a dog in the U.S. except in three states. In those states, including California, product testing on animals has been banned if an alternative means can be used. At the federal level, the AWA says that each institution using animals covered by the act must submit to the government a written description of each procedure that may cause more than momentary pain or distress to the animals.

"These industries don't even see dogs as living things."

According to the Animal Legal Defense Fund, the USDA has 120 inspectors to oversee more than 12,000 facilities that test, exhibit or breed animals. The USDA accepts self-reporting from research facilities. If violations happen to be found at research facilities, fines are



(Below) DxE team member Paul Darwin Picklesimer and a beagle share a moment across the wire.

not mandatory, but may be levied as high as $10,000 per violation.

While the AWA says that research facilities must "develop, document and follow an appropriate plan to provide dogs with the opportunity to exercise," the agency will exempt a facility if the dogs are

'Legally, any experiment can be performed on a dog in the U.S.'

housed in larger cages. The standard cage size is essentially the length of the dog times the length of the dog. If a dog gets twice that much cage space, research facilities aren't required to give the dogs any exercise at all.

According to DxE investigator Paul Darwin Picklesimer there was no indication that the dogs at Ridglan had ever been outside or received an opportunity to exercise.

THE EFFICACY OF TESTING HUMAN MEDICATIONS ON DOGS

Over and over again researchers have learned that just because a drug works on animals, it doesn't mean it will be effective or even safe for humans. According to a 2004 Food and Drug Administration study, 92 percent of drugs used successfully on animals fail to receive approval for human use. Research scientists Kathy Archibald and Robert Coleman noted in an article in the *New Scientist Magazine*, that adverse drug reactions in the U.S. kill more than 100,000 people a year.

While many people object to using animals to test products such as cosmetics, new cleaning solutions, and pesticides, they still support using animals for medical research. A 2014 survey of a thousand people taken in England by the market research firm Ipsos MORI showed that 68 percent approved of animal research to find a cure for a disease, but only 35 percent of those interviewed approved of using animals for "all types of research." In their efforts to promote animal testing, groups such as Understanding Animal Research point to animal testing's contribution to advances in medicine such as blood transfusions, penicillin, insulin, cervical cancer vaccine, anesthetics and more.

ALTERNATIVES TO ANIMAL RESEARCH

The National Institutes of Health acknowledges that there is general public agreement that as few animals as possible be used in research and that animals should be protected from unnecessary pain.

In response to public concern over the use of animals in research, scientists have come up with an ethics guideline for testing on animals: "Reduction, Replacement and Refinement." This guideline, described in William Russell and Rex Burch's 1959 book, "Principles of Humane Experimental Techniques," recommends that researchers look diligently for other ways to conduct their experiments without using animals. If researchers must use animals, it should be the smallest number possible, wrote Russell and Burch. According to the principles of the 3Rs, scientists should try to use computer models or invertebrates, which biologists have noted have fewer nerve receptors.

Even though the end of animal testing would mean the end of Ridglan Farms, co-owner Jim Burns, who owns a companion dog himself, said he expects the "need" for animal testing to diminish. "Looking forward, when stem cell testing is approved by the FDA, I think it will eliminate the use of a lot of beagles," Burns told *Isthmus*. "Supercomputers, too, will have an impact on the use of animals in research."

Another method under development for toxicology testing is called the "Tissue Chip for Drug Screening." The NIH, the FDA and the Defense of Advanced Research Projects Agency are collaborating on creating 3-D "human tissue chips" modeled on human organs, to predict the safety or toxicity of specific drugs.

However, many research organizations are fighting for the right to continue to use animals, arguing that in vitro experiments or computers still cannot replicate the incredibly complex reactions in a living animal. They also point out that even with this type of research, animals are still used to generate the cell cultures; and computer models are developed based on results from previous in vivo tests.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE

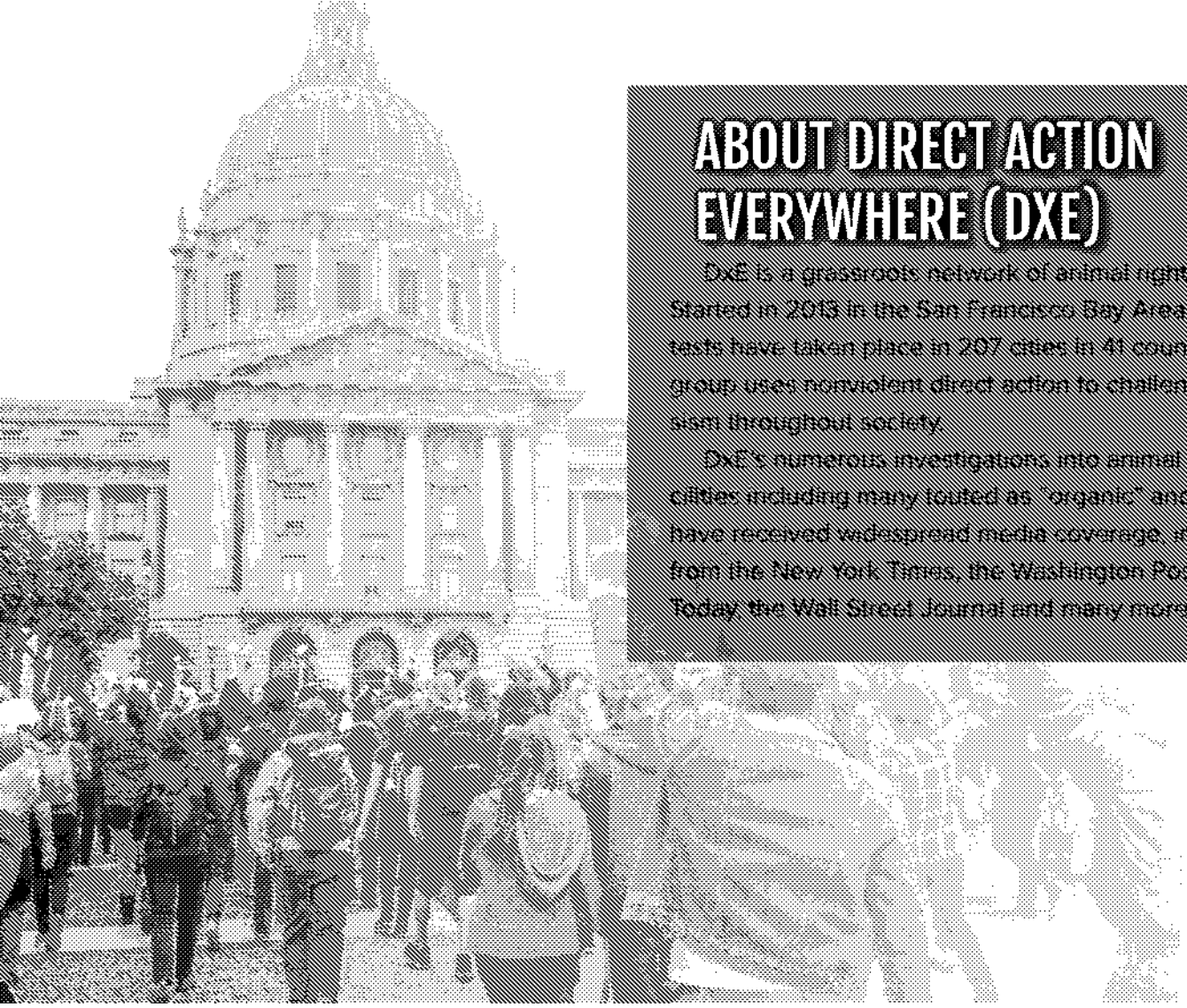
"What matters morally...is the other's distress and pain, regardless of species. If nonhuman animals are sufficiently similar to humans for them to be used as scientific models in research, then they are sufficiently similar to be accorded a similar moral status." – Richard D. Ryder, writer, psychologist and animal rights advocate

Of all the species of animals, dogs are, perhaps, the most loved. In many American homes they are regarded as treasured members of the family. Who would allow their beloved companion to be subjected to solitary confinement and horrific experiments?

Yet institutions such as Ridglan do exactly that to thousands of beagles, unbeknownst to the public at large. Shortly after the Institute for Medicine released a report on chimpanzees in research – finding both moral and scientific quandaries with the practice – the National Institutes of Health ended all federal funding on research involving chimps. The result has been an effective end to the use of chimps in laboratory experiments. Given the abuses outlined at Ridglan and other facilities experimenting on dogs, an **immediate moratorium on federal funding for research on dogs** should be established, and a similar report should be commissioned for dogs.

In the long term, more dramatic legal action is necessary, however, to ensure that animals are protected from abuse. While most Americans see animals as living creatures deserving of rights, animals used in research (or for food or entertainment), including dogs, are still deemed legal "things" who are largely invisible to the law. The result is that even tremendous cruelty inflicted upon these animals is difficult or impossible to stop.

Granting animals enforceable legal rights is therefore a necessary step to addressing cruelty that is opposed by the vast majority of Americans. If animals had the right to their day in court – represented by a court-appointed guardian ad litem – then the abuses exposed at places like Ridglan could be effectively addressed. Even more importantly, however, such legislation would rapidly move our society toward a new paradigm in which we would not treat animals such as the Ridglan dogs as mere commodities.



ABOUT DIRECT ACTION EVERYWHERE (DXE)

DxE is a grassroots network of animal rights activists. Started in 2013 in the San Francisco Bay Area, DxE protests have taken place in 207 cities in 41 countries. The group uses nonviolent direct action to challenge speciesism throughout society.

DxE's numerous investigations into animal abusing facilities including many touted as "organic" and "humane" have received widespread media coverage, including from the New York Times, the Washington Post, USA Today, the Wall Street Journal and many more.

(LEFT) Julie's first time playing on grass.

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(U) On Monday, August 26, 2019, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Task Force Officer (TFO) [redacted] the Direct Action Everywhere [redacted] TFO [redacted] video posted on August 3, 2019.

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(U) The video showed multiple different scenes and people. TFO [redacted] was able to observe [redacted] in multiple scenes of the video. Approximately 45 minutes into the video [redacted] spoke about entering the Ridglan Farms facility and why they entered the facility. The video shows what was reported to be the inside of one of the buildings on the Ridglan Farms property where dogs were housed. [redacted] spoke about taking dogs from the facility.

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(U) The video shows multiple people at the Ridglan Farms facility. TFO [redacted] will work to identify all those involved.

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(U) The video had the capability for the watcher to move the actual screen throughout a 360 degree view point. [redacted]

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Details: On 18 July 2018, San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department Sgt. [redacted] was working at the San Joaquin County Superior Courthouse, located at 180 E. Weber Avenue Stockton, CA 95202, providing security for a court hearing regarding two defendants that were part of the animal liberation organization Direct Action Everywhere. The two defendants [redacted] and [redacted] were two of the subjects that broke into an egg farm in Farmington, CA. They pried open a door to gain access to a barn, and possibly stole some chickens. In fear of contamination, the rancher killed 42,000 chickens. b6 b7C

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
Smithfield Foods
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Collected From: Recording of interview

Receipt Given?: No

Holding Office: SALT LAKE CITY

Details:

12/7/2017 Interview of [redacted] by SA [redacted] Deputy [redacted] Attorney [redacted] also present.

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Item Type	Description
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Title: (U) 12/7/2017 Interview of [redacted]
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Date of entry 12/26/2017

[redacted](hereafter [redacted] was interviewed at the St. George Office of the United States Attorney. Deputy [redacted] of the Beaver County Sheriff's Office, was also present as was [redacted] attorney, [redacted] Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] was present (via phone) in the beginning before having to leave for another commitment. [redacted] After being advised of the identity of the interviewing officials and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information: b5 b6 b7C b7D b7E

The below is an interview summary. It is not intended to be a verbatim account and does not memorialize all the statements made during the interview. Communications by all parties in the interview room were electronically recorded. The recording captures the actual words spoken.

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Investigation on 12/07/2017 at St. George, Utah, United States (In Person)

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Import Form

Form Type: EMAIL - Email **Date:** 01/31/2018

Title: (U) Smithfield [redacted] Related to Intrusions of Farm [redacted] b4 b6 b7C b7E

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
Smithfield Foods
Interference of Animal Enterprise

Synopsis: (U) On August 17, 2017, [redacted] from Smithfield Foods forwarded [redacted] related to the intrusion incidents at Smithfield Farm [redacted] A copy of the email has been uploaded. Additionally a .pdf version of [redacted] has been attached to this report as an digital 1A package. b4 b6 b7C b7E

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:
1. (U) pdf of [redacted] related to intrusion incidents at Smithfield Farm [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 11:41 AM
To: [redacted]SU) (FBI)[redacted]
Cc:
Subject:
Attachments:

Attached are [redacted] the Animal Activists who entered our barns in July 2017. [redacted]

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

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Import Form

Form Type: [redacted] **Date:** 02/09/2018

Title: (U) [redacted] b6 b7C b7D b7E

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
Smithfield Foods
Interference of Animal Enterprise

Synopsis: (U) [redacted] has been attached as a 1A package. b6 b7C b7D b7E

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:
1. (U) [redacted]

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Import Form

Form Type: Police Rpt - Police Report **Date:** 02/09/2018

Title: (U) Beaver County Sheriff's Office Report

Approved By: SSRA [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
Smithfield Foods
Interference of Animal Enterprise

Synopsis: (U) Beaver County Sheriff's Office Report. The following items were collected by the Beaver County SO and have been attached to this report as 1A packages: [redacted] news articles, [redacted]

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

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Title: (U) Beaver County Sheriff's Office Report
Re: [redacted] 02/09/2018

17. (U) [redacted]
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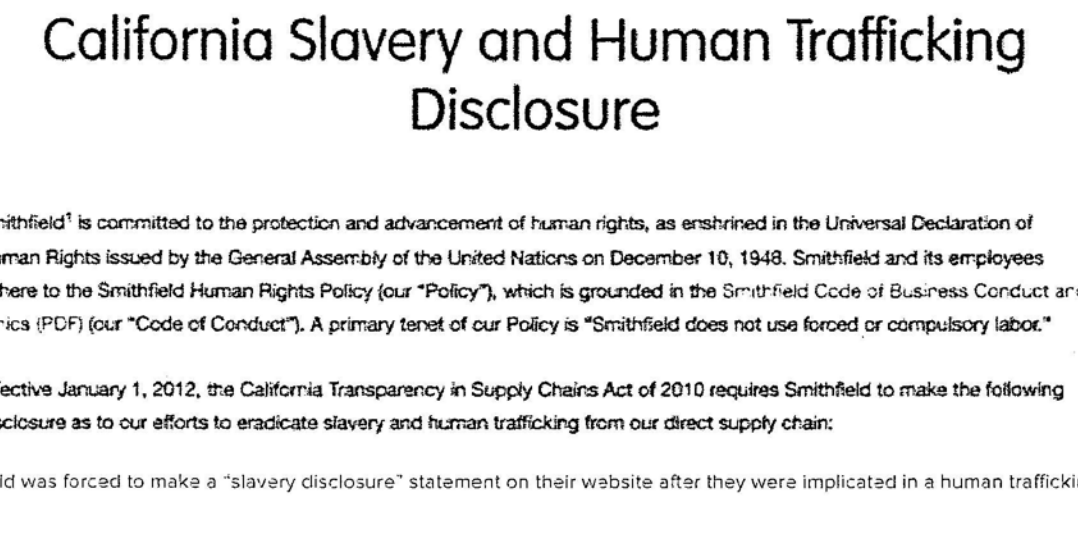
threatened with guns if they attempted to leave the compound to obtain help. Some workers were trapped this way for years.



California Slavery and Human Trafficking Disclosure

Smithfield[1] is committed to the protection and advancement of human rights, as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights issued by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 10, 1948. Smithfield and its employees adhere to the Smithfield Human Rights Policy (our "Policy"), which is grounded in the Smithfield Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (PDF) (our "Code of Conduct"). A primary tenet of our Policy is "Smithfield does not use forced or compulsory labor."

Effective January 1, 2012, the California Transparency in Supply Chains Act of 2010 requires Smithfield to make the following disclosure as to our efforts to eradicate slavery and human trafficking from our direct supply chain:

Smithfield was forced to make a "slavery disclosure" statement on their website after they were implicated in a human trafficking case in 2010.

While the company denies responsibility for this episode (which was exposed when a few workers escaped and called the authorities) those of us who have seen the operations of a modern pig farm are not surprised. Managers who are acclimated to ignoring the screams of mother pigs find it easy to ignore the cries of their workers, too. As Immanuel Kant noted, cruelty to animals breeds cruelty to human beings.

The second shocking discovery was the horrific smell emanating from the farm — an indication of both the health and environmental threats posed by an industry that has run amok. As we approached Circle Four, the stench was so bad that, at times, I had to cover my mouth and my nose. Residents in cities miles away from the farm have complained for years that the farm's stench overwhelms their community. But this odor is just an indicator of the bigger threats posed by pig farming, such as mass contamination of local waterways. A report by a Utah governmental agency found that, in the years after Circle Four opened, rates of respiratory and gastric disease increased dramatically, and research finds that those who live near pig farms are at three times the risk of developing deadly antibiotic resistant infections such as MRSA. Pig farms like Circle Four, which use mass antibiotics to prevent disease due to the sickening conditions, pose an existential threat to human civilization. Within years, our children may start dying from infections that were once seen as easily treatable.

notably, a constitutional amendment for animals — that will ultimately resolve the threat posed by Big Ag and save the planet from perhaps the greatest calamity it has ever faced.

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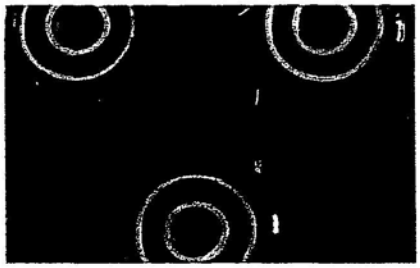

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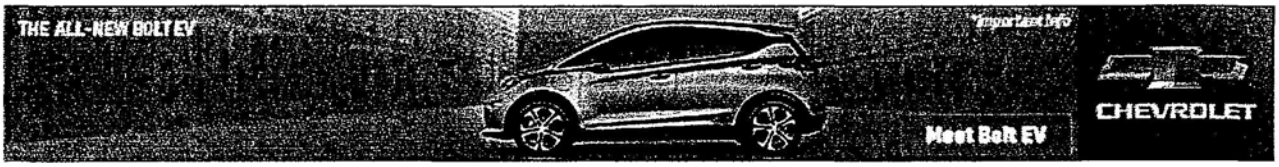

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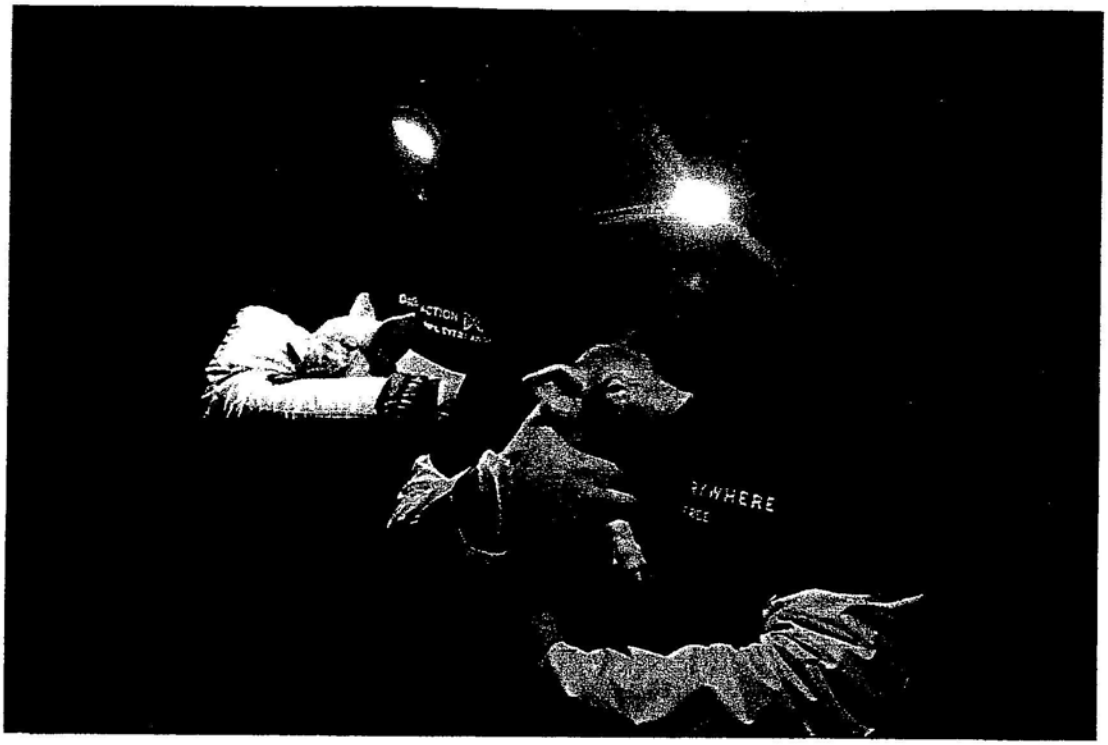

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Animal Welfare Groups Have a New Tool: Virtual Reality

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By STEPHANIE STROM JULY 6, 2017

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Beaver County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Report for Incident 53843

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Nature: Burglary **Address:** SMITHFIELD / CIRCLE 4 FARMS

Location: MILFORD UT 84751

Offense Codes: BRUE
Received By: [redacted] **How Received:** T **Agency:** BCSO
Responding Officers:
Responsible Officer: **Disposition:** TRA 02/05/18
When Reported: 12:18:44 07/06/17 **Occurred Between:** 12:17:06 07/06/17 and 12:17:06 07/06/17

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Assigned To: **Detail:** **Date Assigned:** **/**/**
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Complainant: 29006
Last: SMITHFIELD OF UTAH **First:** **Mid:**
DOB: **/**/** **Dr Lic:** **Address:** 341 S MAIN
Race: **Sex:** **Phone:** [redacted] **City:** MILFORD, UT 84751

Offense Codes

Reported: BRUE Burglary, Resident, Unlawf Ent **Observed:** BNUE Burglary, Non-res, Unlawf Ent
Additional Offense: BRUE Burglary, Resident, Unlawf Ent

Circumstances

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Responding Officers: **Unit :**
[redacted]

Responsible Officer: [redacted] **Agency:** BCSO
Received By: **Last Radio Log:** 12:21:41 07/06/17 CMPLT
How Received: T Telephone **Clearance:** CI Cleared, Investigator
When Reported: 12:18:44 07/06/17 **Disposition:** TRA **Date:** 02/05/18
Judicial Status: PSP **Occurred between:** 12:17:06 07/06/17
Misc Entry: **and:** 12:17:06 07/06/17

Modus Operandi: **Description :** **Method :**

Involvements

Date	Type	Description	Relationship
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07/06/17	Name		Smithfield Rep.
07/06/17	Name	SMITHFIELD OF UTAH,	Complainant
07/06/17	Name	[redacted]	Reporting party
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Narrative

Beaver County Sheriff's Office
Investigation Narrative

On 07/06/2017 at 09:40, I was contacted by dispatch by telephone. Dispatch asked me to contact [redacted] with Smithfield concerning a theft of some pigs at one of their farm sites. I contacted [redacted] She told me that [redacted] a group called Direct Action Everywhere entering one of Smithfield's barns and taking some pigs. She also told me that there was an article about this in the New York Times. After I finished speaking with [redacted] I notified Sergeant [redacted] of the call. [redacted]

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[redacted] I went to the Smithfield offices and spoke with [redacted] He told me that he believed that the site they wereon [redacted] was [redacted]

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After speaking with [redacted] I drove to Smithfield site [redacted]

[redacted]

After leaving the site, I notified Sgt. [redacted] of my findings.

Date, Time, Reporting Officer:

Responsible LEO:

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Approved by:

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I was contacted by Deputy [redacted] regarding a theft of pigs from Smithfield Farms, south west of Milford, Utah. The barn that the pigs were taken from was identified as barn [redacted] I was made aware that a group that identified themselves as" Direct Action Everywhere" (DXE) [redacted] breaking into the barn and removing two piglets from the barn. b6 b7C b7E

[redacted]

It was noted that DXE is an animal rights organization that encourages theft from agricultural operations. DXE encourages harassing demonstrations at commercial businesses which sell food products from agricultural operations. It is a concern of the Beaver County Sheriff's Office and Smithfield Farms that DXE is linked to militant agricultural terrorists. DXE is also an out of state organization that operates across state lines. It was decided upon to invite/include the Federal Bureau of Investigations to assist in the investigation and prosecution of this case.

On 7/10/17, myself, Deputy [redacted] and FBI agent [redacted] met with Smithfield Farm management to obtain information regarding the case. It was determined that the pigs were approximately 3 weeks old at the time of the theft and that the theft likely occurred sometime during the first part of March 2017. b4 b6 b7C b7E

[redacted] Smithfield requested that the case be pursued and prosecuted. It was noted that FBI agent [redacted] would have to consult with the US Attorney to decide if they would be willing to prosecute. Major concerns of Smithfield Farms were that the barns were highly subject to disease by individuals entering the barns without going through a decontamination process. Disease could cause extreme losses. [redacted] Smithfield was concerned about possible agricultural terrorism in which their employees, customers, and

property would be in jeopardy.

A few days later I was contacted by Agent [redacted] and was informed that the FBI and US Attorney [redacted]

[redacted] the five suspects present during the burglary were identified as: 1) [redacted] DOB [redacted] 2) [redacted] DOB [redacted] 3) [redacted] DOB unknown 4) [redacted] DOB [redacted] 5) [redacted] DOB [redacted]

[redacted] and will be included with this report.

The piglets were determined to have been taken [redacted]

[redacted] A copy of [redacted] will be included with this report.

I was later informed by Agent [redacted] that the pigs had been located [redacted]

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Agent [redacted] and I went to barn sight [redacted]

[redacted] We observed that the barns were clean and in good working conditions. The pigs appeared to be healthy and being taken care of. [redacted] and a likely timeline of barns at site [redacted] that the DXE group had entered into.

On 12/7/17 at approximately 0900 hours an audio recorded interview was conducted with [redacted] The interview was conducted at the US Attorney Office in St. George, Utah. [redacted] was represented by his attorney [redacted] A copy of the interview will be included with this report. During the interview [redacted]

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A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Beaver County Attorney for

review. [redacted] b5 b6 b7C b7E

End of report.

Sgt. [redacted] BCSO

Name Involvements:

Smithfield Rep :
Last: **First:** **Mid:**
DOB: **Dr Lic:** **Address:**
Race: **Sex:** **Phone:** **City:**

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Suspect :
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DOB: **Dr Lic:** **Address:**
Race: **Sex:** **Phone:** ( ) - **City:**

Complainant : 29006
Last: SMITHFIELD OF UTAH **First:** **Mid:**
DOB: **/**/** **Dr Lic:** **Address:** 341 S MAIN
Race: **Sex:** **Phone:** **City:** MILFORD, UT 84751

Witness :
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Reporting party :

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Race: **Sex:** **Phone:** ( ) - **City:**

Suspect :
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Import Form

Form Type: EMAIL - Email **Date:** 02/09/2018

Title: (U/~~/LES~~) Email from [redacted]

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] Direct Action Everywhere Smithfield Foods Interference of Animal Enterprise

Synopsis: (U/~~/LES~~) Email from [redacted]

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From: [redacted](CON)
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 9:03 AM
To: [redacted]SU) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [redacted] --- UNCLASSIFIED/~~/LES~~

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED/~~/LES~~
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TRANSITORY RECORD

(U) ~~LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE~~: The information marked (U/~~/LES~~) in this document is the property of ~~LES~~ and may be distributed within the Federal Government (and its contractors), US intelligence, law enforcement, public safety or protection officials and individuals with a need to know. Distribution beyond these entities without ~~LES~~ authorization is prohibited. Precautions should be taken to ensure this information is stored and/or destroyed in a manner that precludes unauthorized access. Information bearing the ~~LES~~ caveat may not be used in legal proceedings without first receiving authorization from the originating agency. Recipients are prohibited from subsequently posting the information marked ~~LES~~ on a website or an unclassified network.

Good Morning,

[redacted]

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me or SSA [redacted] at [redacted]

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(U) [redacted] Desk: [redacted]
(U) [redacted] (U) [redacted]
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Electronic Communication

Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted] and [redacted] for [redacted] **Date:** 02/23/2018

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CC: [redacted]

From: [redacted]

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: UC [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
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Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) and for

Re: 02/23/2018

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Synopsis: (U/~~FOUO~~) To document results of and to advise FBI Salt Lake City on for captioned subject.

Administrative Notes: (U/~~FOUO~~)

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U/~~FOUO~~)

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Case Summary

(U/~~LES~~) On or about March of 2017, it is believed that and others affiliated to Direct Action Everywhere interfered with the operations of Smithfield Foods, an animal enterprise. It is believed that and others traveled in interstate commerce to the Smithfield operations located in Beaver County, Utah, where they

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Before leaving, they reportedly stole two piglets.

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Possible Subsequent Procedures:

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FBI Salt Lake City should consider as deemed appropriate.

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For questions regarding the content of this communication, please contact MPA or SSA

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Case update and prosecution strategy summmary **Date:** 03/13/2018

From: SALT LAKE CITY
Contact: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
Smithfield Foods
Interference of Animal Enterprise

Synopsis: (U) Provide a case update and prosecution strategy summary.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:
1. (U) Prosecution Summary - February 2018
2. (U/~~FOUO~~) [redacted]

Details:

On February 8, 2018, Special Agent [redacted] had a meeting with AUSA [redacted] Beaver County Sheriff Cameron Noel, Beaver County Deputy [redacted] and Beaver County Attorney, [redacted] The meeting was held at the Beaver County Attorney's Office. The purpose of the meeting was [redacted] and discuss a prosecution strategy for the Smithfield intrusion events in early 2017. b5 b6 b7C b7E

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Title: (U) Case update and prosecution strategy summmary
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[redacted] the group discussed a prosecution strategy. AUSA [redacted] advised the group that

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Summary of [redacted] **Date:** 03/22/2018
[redacted] on 03/19/2018

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From: SALT LAKE CITY
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
Smithfield Foods
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Synopsis: (U) Summary of [redacted] on 03/19/2018

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On March 19, 2018, Special Agent [redacted]

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Title: (U) Summary of [redacted] on 03/19/2018
Re: [redacted] 03/22/2018

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Title: (U) Summary of [redacted] on 03/19/2018
Re: [redacted] 03/22/2018

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) CDC [redacted] review **Date:** 04/12/2018

CC: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

From: [redacted]

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Title: (U) CDC [redacted] review
Re: [redacted] 04/12/2018

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Title: (U) CDC review
Re: 04/12/2018

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Synopsis: (U) Between 04/10/2018 and 04/12/2018, CDC completed review of the division's matters that were pending

Details:

From 4/10-12/2018, CDC conducted review of the division's cases:

File No.	Case Manager	Comments
		- No issues
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Title: (U) CDC [redacted] review
Re: [redacted] 04/12/2018

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Closed - No issues

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Title: (U) CDC [redacted] review
Re: [redacted] 04/12/2018

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Import Form

Form Type: FD-71A **Date:** 05/30/2018

Title: U PAL2018 [redacted] Animals Being Removed From Sunrise Farms by Direct Action Everywhere Members (SF) b6 b7C b7E

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted]

[redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
Smithfield Foods
Interference of Animal Enterprise

Synopsis: U DOCUMENT SYNOPSIS CREATED ON 05-30-2018 02:50 PM--SEE GUARDIAN [redacted] FOR CURRENT ASSESSMENT DATA.
On 05/29/2018, at 3:37 p.m. Eastern Time, [redacted] date of birth [redacted] home telephone number [redacted] home address [redacted] called the FBI Public Access Line (PAL) Unit to report Direct Action Everywhere members are streaming a live video on Facebook of chickens being removed from Sunrise Farms in Petaluma, CA. b6 b7C b7E

[redacted] provided the following information:

While on Facebook on 05/29/2018, [redacted] located the Direct Action Everywhere page. [redacted]

On the page was a live video streaming the release of several chickens from Sunrise Farms at 395 Liberty Road, Petaluma, CA 94952. Some of the chickens were being loaded into a van sometime after a sheriff's car arrived on the scene. At least 200 activists from the group were present and were wearing blue shirts that read "Animal Rescue." Direct

Title: U PAL2018 [redacted] Animals Being Removed From Sunrise Farms by Direct Action Everywhere Members (SF)
Re: [redacted] 05/30/2018

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Action also was referenced on the shirts. A website address for the live video was not readily available. Once the sheriff's car was shown briefly on the video, [redacted] did not see it again.

Video viewers were then encouraged to call the Petaluma Police to demand the release of the animals. [redacted]

[redacted] was unable to offer any physical descriptions because the activists kept their heads down in the video. Several screenshots of the perpetrators are available for review upon request.

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Re: [redacted] 05/30/2018

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Incident Summary

(U) PAL2018 Animals Being Removed From Sunrise Farms by Direct Action Everywhere Members (SF)

Unknown
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Status: Closed

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Report Type:
Program:
Management:
Activity Type:
Observed: 05/29/2018 03:37:00 PM
Time Zone: GMT -05:00 US/Canada Eastern
Receipt Method: Telephone
Field Office:
Assigned Squad:
Approver(s):
Report Creator:
Report Owner:
Report Due Date: 06/29/2018 02:36:48 PM

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Other Persons

(U) [redacted]
Social Security: [redacted]

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Note:

Investigation Type:
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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) **Date:** 06/05/2018

CC:

From: SALT LAKE CITY
Contact:

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Approved By:
A/CDC
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Drafted By:

Case ID #: (U) - Direct Action Everywhere
Smithfield Foods
Interference of Animal Enterprise

Synopsis: (U) Provide case update and

Administrative Notes: (U)

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:
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Details:

Case Update

In July 2017, the Salt Lake City Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation initiated captioned investigation due to allegations and evidence which indicated in February and/or March 2017, interfered with the operations of Smithfield Foods, an animal enterprise. It is believed that traveled in interstate commerce to the Smithfield Foods

Title: (U)
Re: 06/05/2018

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Farm located in Beaver County, Utah, where they trespassed and entered into a facility housing pigs. Before leaving, they reportedly stole two piglets.

The following summary details information obtained and subsequent investigation:

- led a group of people onto Farm located in Beaver County, Utah. The group of men, affiliated with Direct Action Everywhere, pre-planned the incident.
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- On or about July 7, 2017, the FBI learned that

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During a similar intrusion and "rescue" event, stole several animals from a Norbest turkey farm in San Pete County, Utah. This event also occurred in early 2017.

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Title: (U) [redacted] b5
Re: [redacted] 06/05/2018 b7E

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On [redacted] the Utah Attorney General's Office filed felony charges [redacted] The defendants are as follows:

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[redacted]

[redacted] San Pete County also filed charges [redacted] The San Pete County defendants are as follows:

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Role of

Throughout the investigation, investigators have learned that

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Direct Action Everywhere

Direct Action Everywhere has been in existence holding meetings, rallys, protests, recruiting events, and performing direct action since at least 2013. Dozens of serials regarding Direct Action Everywhere's activity, including their political/social agenda has been documented

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have been initiated regarding the release of animals from animal enterprises by people affiliated to Direct Action Everywhere. Direct Action Everywhere's website states the following:

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Title: (U) [redacted]
Re: [redacted] 06/05/2018

"What We Do

Movement Building - We are an open source platform that empowers activists across the world

Nonviolent Direct Action - We come together in powerful actions and offer easy ways to get involved

Open Rescue: We openly rescue animals in captivity, exposing violence behind closed doors"

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Title: (U) [redacted]
Re: [redacted] 06/05/2018

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Electronic Communication

Title: (U) DXE Members Arrested on May 29, 2018 in Petaluma, CA **Date:** 06/05/2018

From: SAN FRANCISCO
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Approved By: SSA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted]

[redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
Smithfield Foods
Interference of Animal Enterprise

Synopsis: (U) Individuals arrested on May 29, 2018 for trespassing and failure to leave. It was the final day and final action of the Direct Action Everywhere (DXE) Animal Liberation Conference.

Reference: [redacted] b7E

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:
1. (U) [redacted]

Details:

The following individuals were arrested by Sonoma County Sheriff's Department Police Department on May 29, 2018 for trespassing and failure to leave. It was the final day and final action of the Direct Action Everywhere (DXE) Animal Liberation Conference. The arrests took place at Sunrise Farms, 395 Liberty Road, Petaluma, California.

[redacted]

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Title: (U) DXE Members Arrested on May 29, 2018 in Petaluma, CA
Re: [redacted] 06/05/2018

Arrested on May 29, 2018:

- [redacted] DOB: [redacted]
- [redacted] DOB: [redacted]
- [redacted] DOB: [redacted]

The police report was attached as a digital 1A.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Information provided by [redacted] **Date:** 07/26/2018

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CC: [redacted] b3 b6 b7C b7E

From: BUFFALO

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Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: SSA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted]

[redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
Smithfield Foods
Interference of Animal Enterprise

Synopsis: (U/~~FOUO~~) To set forth information regarding possible protest [redacted] from environmental group. b6 b7C b7E

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:
1. (U/~~FOUO~~) Email from [redacted]

Details:

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Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Information provided by
Re: 07/26/2018

The following email was received from (the original email is attached to this document):

Hi

is monitoring this, thought you'd be interested. The following is from an email from

"It has been brought to my attention that the animal rights activist "Direct Action Everywhere" is planning to promote their Dairy is Scary message

If I find more information, I will let you know."

The following is a summary of Sentinel records checks on "Direct Action Everywhere (DXE)":

1. is opened on subject The case agent will be on the distribution list of this document.

2. states that on the Utah Attorney General's Office filed felony charges on The defendants are as follows:

Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Information provided by [redacted] b3 b6 b7C b7E
Re: [redacted] 07/26/2018

[redacted]

Earlier in the month, on [redacted] San Pete County also filed charges [redacted] The San Pete County defendants are as follows:

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3. [redacted] states that 40 individuals from DXE were arrested at Sunrise Farms for trespassing on May 29, 2018. These arrests occurred at the conclusion of the DXE Animal Liberation Conference.

4. [redacted] states that open source research indicates the following about DXE:

Direct Action Everywhere has been in existence holding meetings, rallys, recruiting events, and performing direct action since approximately 2013. Dozens of serials regarding Direct Action Everywhere's activity, inlcuding their political/social agenda has been documented [redacted] b7E

Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Information provided by [redacted] b3 b6 b7C b7E
Re: [redacted] 07/26/2018

[redacted] *have been initiated regarding the release of animals from animal enterprises by people affiliated to Direct Action Everywhere. Direct Action Everywhere's website states the following: "What We Do"*

~~**Movement Building**~~ *- We are an open source platform that empowers activists across the world*

~~**Nonviolent Direct Action**~~ *- We come together in powerful actions and offer easy ways to get involved*

~~**Open Rescue:**~~ *We openly rescue animals in captivity, exposing violence behind closed doors"*

The aforementioned criminal information will be disseminated to [redacted] Police Department for the purpose of public safety since it is known that DXE intends to protest [redacted] However, it is not known exactly who will represent DXE [redacted] b6 b7C

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 3:20 PM
To: [redacted] (BF) (FBI)
Subject:

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Hi [redacted]

[redacted] is monitoring this, thought you'd be interested. The following is from an email from [redacted]

"It has been brought to my attention [redacted] that the animal rights activist "Direct Action Everywhere" is planning to promote their Dairy is Scary message [redacted]

[redacted]

If I find more information, I will let you know."

[redacted]

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) [redacted] **Date:** 08/13/2018
[redacted] and case summary

From: SALT LAKE CITY
Contact: [redacted] b3 b6 b7C b7E

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
Smithfield Foods
Interference of Animal Enterprise

Synopsis: (U) [redacted] and case summary

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:
1. (U) [redacted]
2. (U) [redacted]

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Attached as a 1A package are [redacted] These documents [redacted] On August 13, 2018, Special Agent [redacted] forwarded these documents to [redacted]

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Title: (U) [redacted] and case summary
Re: [redacted] 08/13/2018

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Import Form

Form Type: LHM - Letter Head Memorandum **Date:** 08/30/2018

Title: (U) Entry of 1A containing FedEx Track & Confirm receipt re #678661617210 & #678661617221

Approved By: SAS [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
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Synopsis: (U) Entry of 1A containing FedEx Track & Confirm receipt re #678661617210 shipment to [redacted] 09/13/2017 & #678661617221 shipment to FBI Salt Lake City 09/13/2017

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:
1. (U) FedEx Track & Confirm receipt re #678661617210 shipment to [redacted] 09/13/2017 & #678661617221 shipment to FBI Salt Lake City 09/13/2017

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Created From:

Package:

Stored Location: None

Summary: (U) FedEx Track & Confirm receipt re #678661617210 shipment to [redacted] 09/13/2017 & #678661617221 shipment to FBI Salt Lake City 09/13/2017

Acquired By: [redacted]

Acquired On: 2018-08-23

Acquired From: (U) DENVER EVIDENCE CONTROL

Attachment: (U) FedEx Track & Confirm receipt re #678661617210 shipment to [redacted] 09/13/2017 & #678661617221 shipment to FBI Salt Lake City 09/13/2017

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U. S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Denver, CO
November 13, 2012

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Import Form

Form Type: UNET Email - Email Sent on UNET **Date:** 10/15/2018

Title: (U) Email from [redacted]

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
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Synopsis: (U) Email from [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2018 7:22 PM
To: [redacted] SU) (FBI)
Cc: [redacted] (FBI) [redacted]
Subject: FW: Smithfield Farms, Beaver
Attachments: [redacted]

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Dear [redacted]

[redacted] We will keep you apprised of further developments. Thank you for your cooperation.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2018 4:02 PM
To [redacted]
Subject: FW: Smithfield Farms, Beaver

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 1:12 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] (SU) (FBI)' [redacted]
Subject: Smithfield Farms, Beaver

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Attached is [redacted]

Thank you!

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Case update **Date:** 03/26/2019

From: SALT LAKE CITY
Contact: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Approved By: A/SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
Smithfield Foods
Interference of Animal Enterprise

Synopsis: (U) Case Update and Accomplishments

Details:

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Title: (U) Case update
Re: [redacted] 03/26/2019

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) CDC [redacted] review **Date:** 09/23/2019 b6 b7C b7E

CC: [redacted]

From: SALT LAKE CITY
SU-CDC
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

[redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere

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Title: (U) CDC [redacted] review
Re: [redacted] 09/23/2019

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Title: (U) CDC [redacted] review
Re: [redacted] 09/23/2019

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Synopsis: (U) From [redacted] CDC [redacted] reviewed the division's [redacted] cases that were pending during the time period [redacted]

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Title: (U) CDC [redacted] review
Re: [redacted] 09/23/2019

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Details:

From [redacted] CDC [redacted] reviewed the division's [redacted] cases that were pending during the time period. The following observations were made:

File	Case Agent	March Observations	September Observations
[redacted]		No Issues	No Issues
		No Issues	No Issues
		No Issues	No Issues
		No Issues	No Issues
		No Issues	No Issues
		No Issues/Closed	x
		No Issues	No Issues
		No Issues	No Issues
		No Issues	No Issues
		No Issues	No Issues
		No Issues	No Issues
		No Issues/Closed	x
[redacted]			
[redacted]		No Issues	No Issues
		No Issues	[redacted]
[redacted]			x
		closed	
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		closed	
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Title: (U) CDC [redacted] review
Re: [redacted] 09/23/2019

closed		
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[redacted]		x
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[redacted]		x
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[redacted]	No Issues	No Issues
[redacted]		x
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[redacted]		x
closed		
[redacted]	No Issues	No Issues
	No Issues	No Issues
	No Issues	No Issues
	No Issues	No Issues
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	No Issues	No Issues
	No Issues	No Issues

Title: (U) CDC [redacted] review
Re: [redacted] 09/23/2019

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Case update **Date:** 10/02/2019

From: SALT LAKE CITY
Contact: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
Smithfield Foods
Interference of Animal Enterprise

Synopsis: (U) Case update

Details:

In late August, 2019, Utah Attorney General Prosecutor, [redacted] requested additional assistance from SA [redacted] focusing on [redacted] SA [redacted] On September 11, 2019, SA forwarded [redacted] via FedEx, to [redacted] validated receipt of the package and confirmed [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

A copy of [redacted] has been attached to this report as a physical 1A package.

[redacted] informed SA [redacted] that [redacted]

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Title: (U) Case update
Re: [redacted] 10/02/2019

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) To add a physical 1A to [redacted] **Date:** 12/04/2019

From: SALT LAKE CITY
Contact: OST [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Approved By: A/SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: OST [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
Smithfield Foods
Interference of Animal Enterprise

Synopsis: (U) Add a physical 1A to [redacted]

Reference: [redacted] b7E

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:
1. (U) [redacted]

Details:

To add a physical 1A to [redacted] dated 9/11/2019.

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Physical 1A/1C Cover Sheet for Serial Export

Created From: [redacted]

Package:

Stored Location: None

Summary: (U) Physical 1A for [redacted]

Acquired By: [redacted]

Acquired On: 2019-09-11

Attachment: (U) [redacted]

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Case update **Date:** 04/06/2020

From: SALT LAKE CITY
Contact: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
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Interference of Animal Enterprise

Synopsis: (U) Case update

Details:

On January 23, 2020, a trial date set for the Utah State case against [redacted] b6 b7C

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Title: (U) [redacted] Review of [redacted] investigation **Date:** 07/08/2020

From: SALT LAKE CITY
SU-CDC
Contact: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
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Interference of Animal Enterprise

Synopsis: (U) To document CDC [redacted] legal review of the captioned investigation.

Details: b6 b7C b7E

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On July 1, 2020, CDC [redacted] reviewed the captioned investigation and confirmed that adequate predication existed to continue the investigation while appropriately preserving civil liberties and constitutional protections. The investigation is focused on the

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Title: (U) [redacted] Review of [redacted] investigation
Re: [redacted] 07/08/2020

subject's alleged violation of Title 18, Section 43, Damage or Interference to an animal enterprise. The subject [redacted] and is awaiting trial at the state level.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) [redacted] **Date:** 07/14/2020 b6 b7C b7E

From: SALT LAKE CITY
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
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Synopsis: (U) To document [redacted]

Details: b6 b7C

On July 13, 2020, Special Agent [redacted] received an email notification from the Utah Attorney General's Office which stated that [redacted]

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Import Form

Form Type: Court Document - Court Document **Date:** 10/02/2020

Title: (U) Signed affidavit by SA [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted]- Direct Action Everywhere
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Interference of Animal Enterprise

Synopsis: (U) On 08/26/2020 Special Agent [redacted] drafted and signed an Affidavit disclosing FBI evidence in the case against [redacted] b6 b7C The affidavit was signed and motorized and forwarded to the Utah Attorney General's Office,

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Title: (U) Provide case update **Date:** 01/04/2021

From: SALT LAKE CITY
Contact: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action
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Synopsis: (U) Provide case update

Details:

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Title: (U) Case update **Date:** 10/05/2021

From: SALT LAKE CITY
Contact: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
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Interference of Animal Enterprise

Synopsis: (U) Case update

Details:

On September 30, 2021, SA [redacted] spoke with [redacted] Utah Attorney General's office (UTAGO). The purpose of the call was to discuss the latest updates regarding the captioned case prosecution. [redacted] is also a lead attorney assigned to the prosecution. b6 b7C b7E

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Title: (U) Case update
Re: [redacted] 10/05/2021

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There are several other cases in and around Utah related to Direct Action Everywhere members (ie. San Pete County - Turkey Farm Incident). [redacted]

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Title: (U) Prosecution Update **Date:** 06/28/2022

From: SALT LAKE CITY
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted]- Direct Action Everywhere
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Synopsis: (U) Prosecution update

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Title: (U) Prosecution Update
Re: [redacted] 06/28/2022

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Date of entry 07/08/2022

[redacted] telephone number [redacted] cellular telephone number [redacted] was interviewed telephonically. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C b7E

[redacted]

Investigation on 07/07/2022 at St. George, Utah, United States (Phone)

File # [redacted] Date drafted 07/07/2022 b6 b7C b7E

by [redacted]

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Disposition of Evidence Item [redacted] **Date:** 07/18/2022 b6 b7C b7E

CC: [redacted]

From: SALT LAKE CITY
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
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Synopsis: (U) Disposition of Evidence Item [redacted]

Details:

On 9/13/2017 FBI Denver transferred Evidence [redacted] b7D b7E

[redacted] corroborated evidence indicating the captioned subjects were involved in a theft from an animal enterprise. [redacted]

Due to the evidence not being being readily available [redacted] it is requested that the evidence item be disposed of and showing as [redacted] on or around 9/13/2017.

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Title: (U) Disposition of Evidence Item [redacted]
Re: [redacted] 07/18/2022

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Evidence Destroyed **Date:** 08/10/2022

From: SALT LAKE CITY
SU-SAS1
Contact: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Approved By: A/SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted]- Direct Action Everywhere
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Synopsis: (U) To submit the original chain of custody for evidence item [redacted] to 1A in captioned case.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:
1. (U) original chain of custody for evidence item [redacted] b7E

Details:

The enclosed 1A contains the original chain of custody for evidence item [redacted]

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Created From:

Package:

Stored Location: None

Summary: (U) original chain of custody for evidence item

Acquired By:

Acquired On: 2022-08-10

Attachment: (U) original chain of custody for evidence item

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Prosecution Update **Date:** 09/20/2022

From: SALT LAKE CITY
Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] – Direct Action Everywhere
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Synopsis: (U) Prosecution Update

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Dispose of Evidence **Date:** 12/15/2022

CC: [redacted]

From: SALT LAKE CITY
Contact: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Approved By: CDC [redacted]
SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] – Direct Action Everywhere
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Synopsis: (U) Dispose of evidence

Details:

All investigative and prosecution efforts have been finalized. [redacted] b6 b7C b7D b7E

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Evidence item [redacted] is the only remaining evidence item. It is requested that this be destroyed in preparation for the closure of the case.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Case closure **Date:** 12/19/2022

From: SALT LAKE CITY
Contact: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action
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Applied to all Subfiles: Yes

Synopsis: (U) Case closure

Details:

All investigative and prosecutive efforts have been finalized. [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] All evidence has been disposed of.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Evidence Destroyed **Date:** 01/18/2023

From: SALT LAKE CITY
SU-SAS1
Contact: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted] (U) [redacted] - Direct Action Everywhere
Smithfield Foods
Interference of Animal Enterprise

Synopsis: (U) To submit the original chain of custody for evidence item [redacted] to 1A in captioned case.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:
1. (U) Original chain of custody for evidence item [redacted] b7E

Details:

The enclosed 1A contains the original chain of custody for evidence item [redacted]

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Package:

Stored Location: None

Summary: (U) Original chain of custody for evidence item

Acquired By:

Acquired On: 2023-01-18

Attachment: (U) Original chain of custody for evidence item

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